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Subject: Message for MLPA Staff and BRTF: Vandenberg Reserves

Dear MLPA Staff and BRTF,

I think it is critical that the RSG, MLPA staff and the BRTF pursue the establishment of MPAs off of Vandenberg.

I oppose the recommendation to simply back off of siting any MPAs at Vandenberg because the military doesn't want them. It is difficult to imagine how MPAs would present any interference with their defense mission and we cannot give up on protecting this critical portion of the coast. This area is key in our networking concept. We need you and the Department of Fish and Game to try and work with the Department of Defense, to help them understand the importance of the MLPA initiative and this area as part of a network of MPAs. For them to categorically reject the idea of MPAs without hearing a proposal seems a bit odd.

This area is key in a networking concept.

The objectives of the MLPA will be compromised if this area is excluded.

Thanks for your time.

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